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LETTER DATED 5 APRIL 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that, during the period from 21 to 30 March 1994, United States aircraft continued to violate Iraqi national airspace for the purpose of observation and provocation and in order to drop heat flares.

21 March 1994

(a) Northern region: 5 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Dohuk, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 40 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Amarah, Qal'at Salih, Shatrah, Qurnah, Artawi, Basra and Busayyah.

- At 1330 hours on 20 March 1994, a hostile aircraft dropped two heat flares on the Kalik area in Irbil Governorate.

22 March 1994

Southern region: 52 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Jalibah, Busayyah, Artawi and the area south of Diwaniyah.

- At 1225 hours on 22 March 1994, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft violated Iraqi airspace, flying at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 20,000 m over Basra, Qurnah, Nasiriyah, Amarah, Samawah, Ushbayjah and Qal'at Salih. It departed at 1511 hours, heading in the direction of Saudi Arabian airspace.

- At 1715 hours on 24 March 1994, a hostile aircraft dropped a heat flare on the Kalik area in Irbil Governorate.

23 March 1994

Southern region: 40 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Busayyah, Salman, Jalibah and Artawi.

24 March 1994

(a) Northern region: 39 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 34 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qal'at Salih, Amarah, Qurnah, Artawi, Jalibah, Jabayish and Busayyah.

25 March 1994

(a) Northern region: 35 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 58 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Salman, Busayyah, Jalibah and Ushbayjah.

26 March 1994

(a) Northern region: 20 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho and Rawandoz.

(b) Southern region: 14 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Jabayish, Salman, Artawi, Ushbayjah and Busayyah.

27 March 1994

Southern region: 36 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qurnah, Artawi, Basra, Qal'at Salih, Jalibah and Busayyah.

- At 1230 hours on 27 March 1994, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft violated Iraqi airspace, flying at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 20,000 m. It departed at 1435 hours, heading in the direction of Saudi Arabian airspace.

28 March 1994

(a) Northern region: 36 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Artawi, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 42 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Busayyah, Ushbayjah, Jalibah, Artawi, Basra, Salman and Qal'at Salih.

29 March 1994

(a) Northern region: 23 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 50 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Busayyah, Qal'at Salih, Ushbayjah, Salman, Jalibah, Artawi and Basra.

30 March 1994

(a) Northern region: 17 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Amadiyah, Tall Afar and Aqrah.

(b) Southern area: 20 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Jalibah, Artawi and Busayyah.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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